

**Out-of-Work Allowance.**—Up to Mar. 31, 1948, 161,874 veterans were assisted in their rehabilitation through this Allowance, paid if the veteran is fit and available for work but no work is available for him. As would be expected the majority of these veterans made use of the Allowance during the calendar year 1946 when they were being discharged from the Armed Forces in large numbers.

**5.—Veterans Receiving Out-Of-Work Allowances, by Sex, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1943-48**

Year Ended Mar. 31—	Men	Women	Total
	No.	No.	No.
1943 <sup>1</sup> .....	2,045	Nil	2,045
1944.....	823	123	946
1945.....	3,145	83	3,228
1946.....	39,176	436	39,612
1947.....	98,055	1,983	100,038
1948.....	15,654	351	16,005
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>158,898</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>161,874</b>

<sup>1</sup> November, 1941, to Mar. 31, 1943.

The number of veterans receiving the Allowance at any given time is rapidly decreasing compared with the number of veterans unemployed. For the period March to June, 1946, the number was from 60 to 70 p.c. of those registered as unemployed; for January and February of 1947, it was 45 p.c., and for February and March, 1948, it fell to a low of 8.3 p.c. The reason for this is that the Allowance was payable only in the 18 months immediately following discharge and time has now ruled out most veterans.

Experience has shown that, although it has been necessary to carry some individuals on the Allowance for a period in excess of 40 weeks (the maximum allowable is 52 weeks) the majority of veterans who received this type of assistance required it for a period of less than ten weeks.

**6.—Veterans in Receipt of Out-Of-Work Allowances, Classified by Sex, by Months, April, 1946, to March, 1948**

Year and Month	Men	Women	Total	Year and Month	Men	Women	Total
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
<b>1946—</b>				<b>1947—concluded</b>			
April.....	48,104	417	48,521	April.....	19,187	271	19,458
May.....	42,948	483	43,431	May.....	11,910	210	12,120
June.....	32,957	395	33,352	June.....	6,989	147	7,136
July.....	25,502	401	25,903	July.....	4,430	134	4,564
August.....	22,059	410	22,469	August.....	2,845	78	2,923
September.....	19,057	295	19,352	September.....	2,145	44	2,189
October.....	17,560	235	17,795	October.....	1,823	45	1,868
November.....	16,112	256	16,368	November.....	1,788	47	1,835
December.....	17,651	242	17,893	December.....	2,246	46	2,292
<b>1947—</b>				<b>1948—</b>			
January.....	22,056	234	22,290	January.....	2,740	39	2,779
February.....	24,482	285	24,767	February.....	2,617	35	2,652
March.....	24,058	297	24,355	March.....	2,210	28	2,238